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SUBJECT: FRG FOOD LAW PROBLEM WITH U.S. TURKEY ROLLS

1. FYI WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY PEIA/FRANKFURT THAT A SHIPMENT OF U.S. TURKEY ROLLS IMPORTED BY THE FIRM OF WEDDEL & CO. HAMBURG FROM JENNIE-O FOODS INC. OF WILLMAR MINNESOTA HAS BEEN CONFISCATED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES FOR VIOLATION OF FRG FOOD LAW. FURTHER SALE OF THE PRODUCT HAS BEEN PROHIBITED.

2. ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT THE PRODUCT CONTAINS PHOSPHATES WHICH ARE PROHIBITED BY THE ADDITIVE AND MEAT ORDINANCES AND CARAGEENAN WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THE MEAT ORDINANCE.

3. SOMEONE, WE SUSPECT PROBABLY A COMPETITOR, PUT THE AUTHORITIES ONTO THIS PRODUCT IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVE CONTENT OF SOY PROTEIN AS WELL AS PHOSPHATES. DUE TO LOCALIZED TECHNICAL REASONS THE AUTHORITIES COULD NOT TEST FOR VEGETABLE PROTEIN BUT DETERMINED ILLEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF THE CONTENTS MENTIONED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. THE AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY DID NOT TEST FURTHER, BUT ALSO DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRESENCE OF ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES.

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4. SINCE THIS APPEARS TO BE A CLEAR CUT MATTER OF A
FOOD LAW VIOLATION WE WERE UNABLE TO INTERVENE.

5. IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH U.S. SUPPLIERS YOU MIGHT MEN-
TION INFORMALLY THAT THE COMPETITION IN GERMANY IS NOT
ABOVE USING THE FOOD LAW TO ITS OWN ADVANTAGE IF THERE
IS THE SLIGHTEST SUSPICION OF A POSSIBLE VIOLATION.
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